IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the section starting on page 4, line 9, as follows:

R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 are independently selected from halogeno, cyano, nitro, C_{1-3}alkylsulphanyl, $-N(OH)R^{14}$ (wherein R^{14} is hydrogen, or C_{1-3}alkyl), or $R^{16}X^1$- [[(]]wherein X^1 represents a direct bond, -O-, $-CH_2$-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, $-NR^{17}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{18}$-, $-SO_2NR^{19}$-, $-NR^{20}SO_2$- or $-NR^{21}$- (wherein R^{17}, R^{18}, R^{19}, R^{20} and R^{21} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl), and R^{16} is hydrogen, optionally substituted hydrocarbyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl or optionally substituted alkoxy.

Please amend the section starting on page 6, line 13, as follows:

2) $-R^aX^2C(O)R^{22}$ (wherein X^2 represents -O- or $-NR^{23}$- (in which R^{23} represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group) and R^{22} represents C_{1-3}alkyl, $-NR^{24}R^{25}$ or $-OR^{26}$ (wherein R^{24}, R^{25} and R^{26} which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group));

Please amend the section starting on page 6, line 18, as follows:

3) $-R^bX^3R^{27}$ (wherein X^3 represents -O-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, -OC(O)-, $-NR^{28}C(O)$-, $-NR^{28}C(O)O$-, $-C(O)NR^{29}$-, $C(O)ONR^{29}$-, $-SO_2NR^{30}$-, $-NR^{31}SO_2$- or $-NR^{32}$- (wherein R^{28}, R^{29}, R^{30}, R^{31} and R^{32} each independently represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group) and R^{27} represents hydrogen, hydrocarbyl (as defined herein) or a saturated heterocyclic group, wherein the hydrocarbyl or heterocyclic groups may be optionally substituted by one or more functional groups and the heterocyclic groups may additionally be substituted by a hydrocarbyl group);

Please amend the section starting on page 6, line 25, as follows:

4) $-R^cX^4R^{c'}X^5R^{35}$ (wherein X^4 and X^5 which may be the same or different are each -O-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, -OC(O)-, $-NR^{36}C(O)$-, $-NR^{36}C(O)O$-, $-C(O)NR^{37}$-, $-C(O)ONR^{37}$-, $-SO_2NR^{38}$-, $-NR^{39}SO_2$- or $-NR^{40}$- (wherein R^{36}, R^{37}, R^{38}, R^{39} and R^{40} each independently represents hydrogen or alkyl optionally substituted by a functional group) and R^{35} represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted by a functional group);

Please amend the section starting on page 7, line 6, as follows:

9) R^{42} [[(]]wherein R^{42} represents a pyridone group, an aryl group or an aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, aryl or aromatic heterocyclic group may be substituted by one or more functional groups or by a hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or heterocyclyl groups, or by a heterocyclyl group optionally ~~susbsituted~~ substituted by one or more functional groups or hydrocarbyl groups;

Please amend the section starting on page 8, line 7, as follows:

22) - R^{v} $R^{67}(R^{v'})_q(X^9)_rR^{68}$(wherein X^9 is as defined hereinbefore, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R^{67} is a C_{1-3}alkylene group or a cyclic group selected from divalent cycloalkyl or heterocyclic group, which C_{1-3}alkylene group may be substituted by one or more functional groups and which cyclic group may be substituted by one or more functional groups or by a hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or heterocyclyl groups, or by a heterocyclyl group optionally ~~subsituted~~ substituted by one or more functional groups or hydrocarbyl groups; and R^{68} is hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, or a cyclic group selected from cycloalkyl or heterocyclic group, which C_{1-3}alkylene group may be substituted by one or more functional groups and which cyclic group may be substituted by one or more may be substituted by one or more functional groups or by a hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or heterocyclyl groups, or by a heterocyclyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or hydrocarbyl groups);

Please amend the section starting on page 9, line 3, as follows:

3) -$R^{b}X^{3}R^{27}$ (wherein X^3 represents -O-, C(O) -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -OC(O)-, -NR^{28}C(O)-, -NR^{28}C(O)O-, -C(O)NR^{29}-, C(O)ONR^{29}-, -SO_2NR^{30}-, -$NR^{31}SO_2$- or -NR^{32}- (wherein R^{28}, R^{29}, R^{30}, R^{31} and R^{32} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{27} represents hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-6}alkyl group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyclopropyl, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino,C_{1-4}alkanoyldi-C_{1-4}alkylamino , C_{1-4}alkylthio, C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group

may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$($R^{b'}$)$_g$D (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and D is a cyclic group selected from C_{3-6}cycloalkyl group, an aryl group or a 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo or C_{1-4}alkyl));

Please amend the section starting on page 9, line 26, as follows:

5) R^{41} (wherein R^{41} is a 4-6-membered cycloalkyl or saturated heterocyclic ring (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cycloalkyl or heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-4}alkyl, cyclopropyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, carboxamido, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy nitro, amino, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, -C(O)N$R^{43}R^{44}$, -NR^{45}C(O)R^{46} (wherein R^{43}, R^{44}, R^{45} and R^{46}, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and D is a cyclic group selected from C_{3-6}cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C_{1-4}alkyl));

Please amend the section starting on page 10, line 11, as follows:

9) R^{42} (wherein R^{42} represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, nitro, halogeno, amino, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkoxy, oxo, cyanoC_{1-4}alkyl, cyclopropyl,

C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, carboxy, carboxamido, trifluoromethyl, cyano, $-C(O)NR^{69}R^{70}$, $-NR^{71}C(O)R^{72}$ (wherein R^{69}, R^{70}, R^{71} and R^{72}, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and a group $-(-O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C_{3-6}cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C_{1-4}alkyl));

Please amend the section starting on page 11, line 24, as follows:

22) - $R^v R^{67}(R^{v'})_q(X^9)_rR^{68}$ (wherein X^9 is as defined hereinbefore, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R^{67} is a C_{1-3}alkylene group or a cyclic group selected from cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentylene, cyclohexylene or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkylene group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group $-(-O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C_{3-6}cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C_{1-4}alkyl); and R^{68} is hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, or a cyclic group selected from cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl,

di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C_{3-6}cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C_{1-4}alkyl));
and wherein R^a, R^b, $R^{b'}$, R^c, $R^{c'}$, R^d, R^g, R^j, R^n, $R^{n'}$ R^p, $R^{p'}$, $R^{t'}$, $R^{u'}$, R^v and $R^{v'}$ are independently selected from C_{1-8}alkylene groups optionally ~~substitued~~ substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, amino,

Please amend the section starting on page 13, line 10, as follows:
R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from hydrogen, halo,C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxymethyl, di(C_{1-4}alkoxy)methyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, a phenyl group, a benzyl group or a 5-6-membered heterocyclic group with 1-3 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may be aromatic or non-aromatic and may be saturated (linked via a ring carbon or nitrogen atom) or unsaturated (linked via a ring carbon atom), and which phenyl, benzyl or heterocyclic group may bear on one or more ring carbon atoms up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro, C_{2-4}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkanoylamino, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphanyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphinyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylamino, and a saturated heterocyclic group selected from morpholino, thiomorpholino, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl and pyrazolidinyl, which saturated heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro and C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, and

Please amend the section starting on page 14, line 3, as follows:
R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 are independently selected from, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, -$NR^{14}R^{15}$ (wherein R^{14} and R^{15}, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C_{1-3}alkyl), or -X^1R^{16} [[(]]wherein X^1 represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH_2-, -OCO-, carbonyl, -S-,

-SO-, -SO_2-, -NR^{17}CO-, -$CONR^{18}$-, -SO_2NR^{19}-, -$NR^{20}SO_2$- or -NR^{21}- (wherein R^{17}, R^{18}, R^{19}, R^{20} and R^{21} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl), and R^{16} is selected from one of the following seventeen ~~eighteen~~ groups: